

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **2012 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 13** **Fall Announcement # 11, District 1 Commercial Period 6** Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area

#### **District Y-1**

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 on Thursday, August 2 from 1:00 pm. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period for the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 2 from 1:00 pm. until 10:00 p.m. This will be a 9-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

For the entire District Y-1, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. **Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets.**

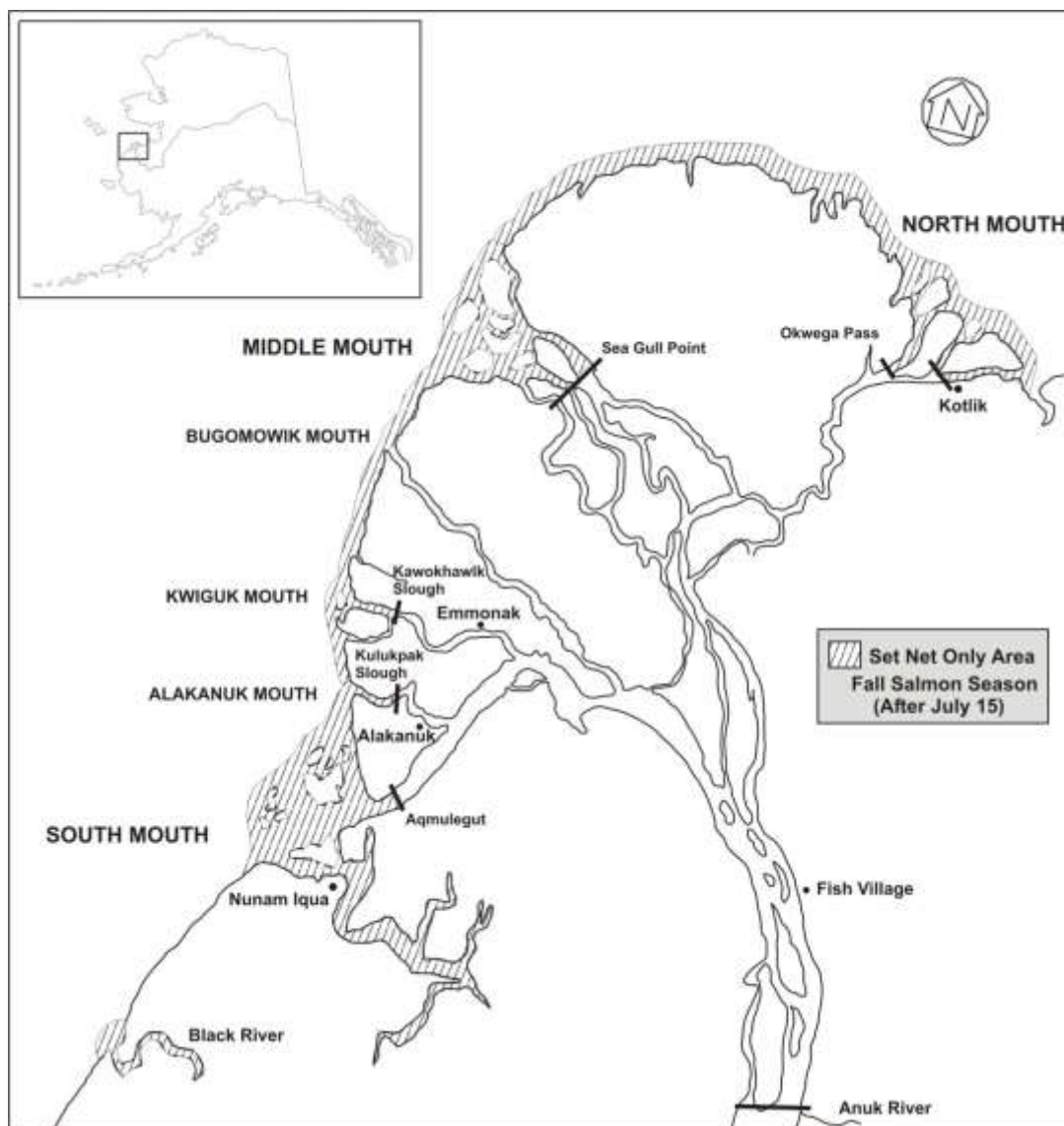
**Drift gillnet fishing is not allowed in the Set Net Only Area.** Fishermen intending to fish in the Set Net Only Area of District Y-1 must be registered in that area. Fishermen not registered in the Set Net Area Only, but wishing to fish in that area, must notify the department of their intent to transfer. Regulations require a 72-hour waiting period when transferring into and out of the Set Net Only Area. Please see attached map showing the boundaries of the Set Net Only Area in District Y-1.

The Department is also reminding fishermen that the waters east of a one nautical mile radius from the U.S. Coast Guard light located at the west bank of the mouth of Apoon Pass are closed to commercial fishing. **Waters of the Pastolik and Pastoliak rivers are closed to commercial fishing.**

In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing is open during the fall season for 7 days per week, except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. In District Y-1 subsistence salmon fishing will close at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, August 2, and reopen at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 3.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 or 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



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